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South Korea: The cabinet reshuffle yesterday does not foreshadow a basic change in the government's policies.

The only politically significant change was the removal of Chang Ki-yong, who as deputy prime minister and chairman of the economic planning board had become a powerful and controversial figure. Chang's replacement, former minister of commerce and industry Pak Chung-hun, is an experienced and capable economic official who has avoided political intrigue. Other changes largely involve the rotation of senior economic officials who will be responsible for carrying out the government's second five-year economic development plan.

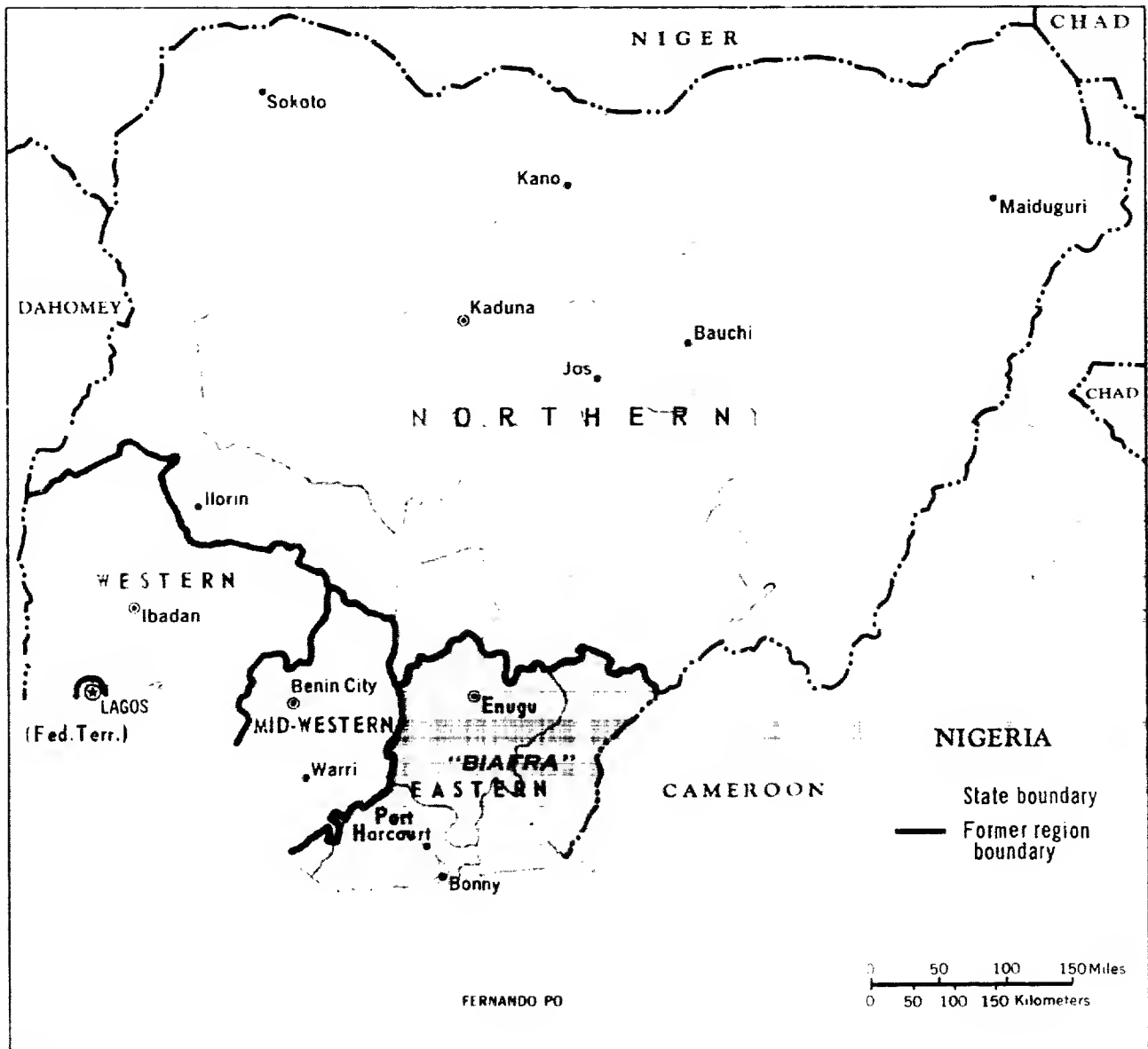
Chang's ouster may have been aimed at strengthening the political position of government party boss Kim Chong-pil. Kim's status was rumored to be declining, and the dumping of one of his major opponents will enhance his influence. In addition, President Pak Chong-hui may hope that Chang's ouster will be an acceptable sop to the opposition which has been demanding the removal of top regime officials as the price for ending the impasse in the National Assembly. The removal of Chang, [redacted] has been a long-time objective of the opposition. [redacted]

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Nigeria: Federal forces continue to threaten Enugu, the capital of secessionist Biafra, and have been occasionally lobbing shells into the city. The Biafrans, fearing a tribal bloodbath, appear determined to fight on, and the battle for the city is likely to be the most violent of the war. Nonessential personnel, including some civil servants, and important records are being moved to safer locations. US and UK representatives evacuated Enugu for Port Harcourt on 2 October, and remaining British and American nationals will be advised to leave Biafra entirely.

(Map)

France: The widespread farm protests reflect real unrest among the nation's many owners of small family farms. The government has been trying to reorganize this uneconomic sector of French agriculture in an effort to make it competitive with other producers in the Common Market. The unrest is spreading and De Gaulle's opponents will doubtless seek to exploit it in parliament. They are unlikely, however, to get a majority for their proposed motion censuring the government's economic policy.

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